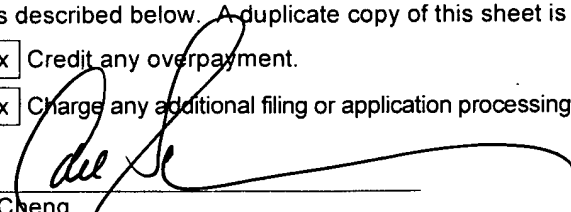




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| <b>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER</b>  |   |   |                                   | Docket No.<br>KOH-0204       |      |
| Application No.<br>10/784,306-Conf. #8301  |   | Filing Date<br>February 24, 2004        |                                   | Examiner<br>D. W. Howell     |      |
| Art Unit<br>3722   |   |   |                                   |                              |      |
| Applicant(s): Hiroshi Usuki  |   |   |                                   |                              |      |
| Invention: CONTROLLED ATMOSPHERE CUTTING METHOD USING OXYGEN ENRICHMENT AND CUTTING TOOL   |   |   |                                   |                              |      |
| <b>TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS</b>   |   |   |                                   |                              |      |
| Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.  |   |   |                                   |                              |      |
| The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.   |   |   |                                   |                              |      |
| <b>CLAIMS AS AMENDED</b>   |   |   |                                   |                              |      |
|  | Claims<br>Remaining<br>After<br>Amendment | Highest<br>Number<br>Previously<br>Paid | Number<br>Extra Claims<br>Present | Rate                         |      |
| Total Claims   | 8   | - 20 =                                  | 0                                 | x 25.00                      | 0.00 |
| Independent<br>Claims  | 2   | - 3 =                                   | 0                                 | x 100.00                     | 0.00 |
| Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/>   |   |   |                                   |                              |      |
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| <b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT:</b>  |   |   |                                   |                              | 0.00 |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No additional fee is required for this amendment.  |   |   |                                   |                              |      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of \$ _____<br>A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.  |   |   |                                   |                              |      |
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

**Mail Stop Amendment**

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**I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated January 11, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

Claims 1-6 are pending in the application. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 4-6 are amended. Claims 5 and 6 stand withdrawn from consideration.

**II. AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS**

(There are no amendments to the drawings)

**III. AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

(There are no amendments to the specification)